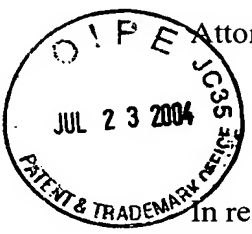


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**RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO MAINTAIN PENDING STATUS OF PARENT APPLICATION**

Sir:

This response is a bona fide attempt by applicants to respond to the outstanding Final Rejection in this application by extending the period for response in this application to permit filing a continuation application to continue the prosecution of this application. The PTO has indicated that the filing of an extension of time under these circumstances is an acceptable response to an Official Action. See the Official Gazette notice of May 13, 1983 (1031 OG 11).

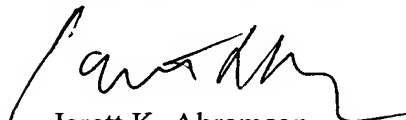
A continuation application is being filed concurrently herewith claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application under 35 U.S.C. 120. A copy of this response and petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed continuation application.

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) for an extension of time to respond to the Advisory Action of June 7, 2004 and Final Office Action of March 23, 2004. Applicants petition for a total of one (1) month extension of time, so that the period for response expires July 23, 2004.

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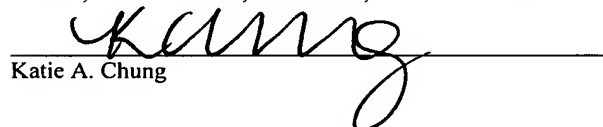
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